



**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [021] with the following amended paragraph:

[021] Figure 1: Alignment of the nucleotide sequences for cDNAs GL4 (SEQ ID NO: 3) , GL5 (SEQ ID NO: 5) and GL12 (SEQ ID NO: 11). Gaps in the sequence introduced for optimal alignment are indicated by a dash.

Please replace paragraph [022] with the following amended paragraph:

[022] Figure 2: Nucleotide sequence for the short corn root preferential promoter region from GL4 (SEQ ID NO: 1).

Please replace paragraph [023] with the following amended paragraph:

[023] Figure 3: Nucleotide sequence for the long corn root preferential promoter region from GL4 (SEQ ID NO: 2).

Please replace paragraph [024] with the following amended paragraph:

[024] Figure 4: Nucleotide sequence for the corn root preferential promoter region from GL5 (SEQ ID NO: 14).

Please replace the sequence listing with the sequence listing attached hereto.